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PREFACE

THIS bibliography was begun late in 1954 by Miss H. M. Drummond, while she was Librarian of the Botany Division, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. My part has been to recheck all the references noted by Miss Drummond, to sight most of them and to expand the list after searching the literature again. Unfortunately, I could work only intermittently at this task. My own standards for inclusion and indexing may have varied over the past two years, specially with the more general geographical or descriptive literature, and I accept responsibility for any omissions.

The general aim has been to include only literature relevant to the botanical aspects of tussock grasslands. Thus, much literature of interest to workers in the subject, dealing with the general natural history, history, development, and pre-history has had to be excluded because of the wide range of writing which could conceivably be relevant to such topics, and the difficulty of drawing a clear line between exclusion and inclusion.

The bibliography is considered complete up to the end of 1956. Any references noted in journals received this year have been included. A few unlocated theses have been included if the titles have appeared relevant but no attempt has been made to give accurate paging for theses owing to the widely varying standards employed. A number of regional geographical theses which dealt only incidentally with the vegetation have been excluded.

Owing in most instances to the type of literature on the subject, the index has presented several problems. Thus general summaries of small areas describing the vegetation, farming, and improvements, could warrant, but did not receive, many index entries in comparison with the one or two entries for the many small notes. This type of article was mainly indexed geographically. No systematic index was attempted as probably two-thirds of all the articles would come under each entry.

Grateful thanks are expressed to the Tussock Grassland Research Committee for suggesting the need for the bibliography, to Mr C. M. Smith, lately Director of the Botany Division for initiating the project and suggesting that I finish it, and to Miss L. B. Moore and Mr H. E. Connor of the Division for helpful discussion and some references.

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